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SUBJECT: FY 75 IVP NOMINEE (BANDARANAIKE, ANURA)

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1. THIS WILL HAVE TO BE FINAL GO-AROUND ON SCHEDULE FOR ANURA. WE NOW HAVE UNANTICIPATED PROBLEM WITH WASHINGTON PROGRAM MAY 22-25. CONGRESS IS OUT OF SESSION FOR MEMORIAL DAY RECESS MAY 23-JUNE 2, SEVERAL DEPARMENT OFFICIALS WITH WHOM WE PLAN SEEK APPOINTMENTS LIKewise WILL BE UNAVAILABLE. IN ADDITION MEMORIAL DAY, MAY26 IS USEFUL ONLY FOR SIGHT-SEEING. WE ALSO BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT TO INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE VISIT TO SMALLER CITY WHICH GIVES OPPORTUNITY FOR FARM STAY AND LOOK AT TYPICAL RURAL SCEN THEREFORE WE SCENE. THEREFORE WE PROPOSE REINSTITUTE INDIANAPOLIS STOP AND DROP PHOENIX/GRAND CANYON/LAS VEGAS.
2. ON ASSUMPTION ANURA DEFINITELY WANTS START PROGRAM IN WASHINGTON WE PROPOSE- FOLLOWING SCHEDULE, WHICH WE HAVE SLIPPED ONE DAY TO MAKE MORE EFFICIENT USE OF MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND.

- -- MAY 23 ARRIVE WASHINGTON, INITIAL PROGRAM SCHEDULE, CEYLONese REPUBLIC DAY FESTIVITIES.  
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- -- MAY 24-25; VESAK FESTIVITIES AND SIGHT-SEEING IN WASHINGTON AREA.
- -- MAY 25 P.M.-MAY 27: BOSTON
- -- MAY 28-29: NEW YORK

- -- MAY 30-31: INDIANAPOLIS; INCLUDING FARM STAY IF POSSIBLE (OR SIMILAR MID-WEST CENTER CAPABLE OF PROVIDING BEST RURAL ORIENTATION PROGRAM)
- -- JUNE 1-3: NEW ORLEANS
- -- JUNE 4-6: WASHINGTON (WHEN CONGRESS IN SESSION)
- -- JUNE 6-8: LOS ANGELES
- -- JUNE 9-10: SAN FRANCISCO
- -- JUNE 11-13: HONOLULU, DEPARTING VIA POLAR ROUTE TO LONDON.

3. CLEARLY WE WANT PROGRAM TO BE FULLY RESPONSIVE TO ANURA'S INTERESTS AND WE WILL ABIDE BY HIS PREFERENCES. WE DO THINK SCHEDULE OUTLINED PARA TWO PROVIDES MINIMAL PROGRAM FOR BALANCE AND WOULD RECOMMEND ELIMINATION OF ONE MAJOR CITY INCLUDED (E.G. LOS ANGELES, NEW ORLEANS) RATHER THAN MID-WEST STOP. WE HAVE DISCUSSED THIS WITH CEYLONSE EMBASSY OFFICER (DHANAPALA) WHO AGREES IN PRINCIPLE.

4. PLEASE CONFIRM, BY RETURN CABLE IF POSSIBLE, SO THAT WE CAN COMMENCE DETAILED SCHEDULE.

5. WITH REGARD PARA 4 REFTEL, DEPARTMENT FULLY IN ACCORD WITH PM'S INTEREST THAT DHANAPALA ACCOMPANY ANURA, BUT AS INDICATED STATE 95155 WE HAVE NO RPT NO WAY TO PAY HIS TRAVEL. CEYLONSE HERE ARE FULLY AWARE THIS LIMITATION AND WE HAVE MADE CLEAR IT UP TO GSL TO WORK OUT PROBLEM OF TRAVEL FUNDS. KISSINGER

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